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and order. The work was not, however, taken up for execution in view of the financial stringency and the improvement of the law and order situation."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" സർ, ഇതു ഒരു മലഞ്ചരക്കു പ്രദേശമാണ്. ഈ പാലം ഇല്ലാത്തതിന്റെ ഫലമായി ഈ പ്രദേശത്തിലുള്ള കച്ചവടത്തിനും ഗതാഗതത്തിനും, കൃഷിക്കാർക്കു മലഞ്ചരക്കു കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിനും ഭാരിച്ച വിഷമതകൾ ഉണ്ട് എന്നു മനസ്സിലാക്കി ഗവർമ്മേണ്ട് അടിയന്തരമായി ഈ പാലം കെട്ടുന്നതിനുള്ള നടപടി എടുക്കുമോ ?"

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Yes, Sir, it is also reported that this bridge is necessary and it will be taken up when funds are available with the District Board."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சட்டத்தை நிலைநிறுத்துவதற்காக பல ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் செலவு செய்யும் இந்த சர்க்கார் பொது ஜனங்களின் நன்மையை உத்தேசித்து அவர்களுக்கான நன்மையைச் செய்ய செலவிடுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Yes, Sir, when funds are available, it will be taken up."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" സർ, ഗവർമ്മേണ്ട് ഒരു പാലം പകുതി വരെ പണിചെയ്തു അനവധി പണം ചിലവാക്കി ആ പാലത്തിന്റെ പണി അവിടെ നിർത്തുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന്നു എത്രയോ പണം നഷ്ടം വരുന്നുണ്ട്. അങ്ങിനെ എത്രയോ റോഡുകൾ പകുതി പണിചെയ്തു നിർത്തീട്ടുണ്ട്. ഈ സമ്പ്രദായം ഗവർമ്മേണ്ട് നിർത്തുമോ എന്നു എനിക്കു അറിയേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ട്."

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Sir, it is not correct to say that the bridge work was stopped in the middle. This work was not at all taken up."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was saying that this road bridge was sanctioned for maintaining law and order there. Was it for the purpose of moving military force or police force to quell rebellion, if any? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Whatever is necessary will be taken on that road, Sir."

'*Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh.*'

* 200 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the amount of grant given to the Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh in the South Arcot district during 1951 and 1952 and how many centres of the Sangh were running in the district during 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No grant was given to the South Arcot Branch of the Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh either in 1951 or 1952. The Sangh has provided leprosy clinics in 21 Medical Institutions of Local Boards in the district, and is also maintaining two clinics independently, one at Vellimedupettai and the other at Muttathur."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, in view of the seriousness of the disease, why should not the Government open a hospital for Leprosy in South Arcot district? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are altogether 43 clinics in this district, Sir, distributed all over the district and the Mission to Lepers is maintaining a Leprosy Sanatorium with 210 beds. At Maduvanthangal there is another hospital with 43 beds."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" தென் ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் பல இடங்களில் தனிப்பட்டஸ்தாபனங்கள் குஷ்டரோக நிவராணம் செய்ய முயற்சி எடுத்து குஷ்டரோக நிவராண சங்கங்கள் ஏற்பட்டுள்ளன. அச்சங்கங்களுக்கு சர்க்கார் நிதி உதவி அளிக்க முன்வருமா? அச்சங்கங்களிலிருந்து ஏதாவது மனுக்கள் வந்திருக்கின்றனவா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, District Boards, Municipalities and Panchayats have given contributions to the extent of Rs. 3,270 in 1951 and Rs. 5,814–13–0 in 1952. Government are giving help to the special scheme for leprosy control in the Tirukoilur area by making available to them the services of a Curative Clinic headed by a Civil Assistant Surgeon and a Preventive Unit headed by a Health Officer."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister for Health aware of the fact that because the incidence of leprosy is high in South Arcot district and because the Government do not come to the aid of lepers in curing the disease by proper treatment, there is a great influx of them into Chingleput district and a big rush for admission into the Chingleput Sanatorium? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, there is plenty of leprosy in several places in the State."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, do the Government view that South Aroct has the highest incidence of leprosy? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, there are many areas where leprosy is endemic to a high degree."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government admit that South Arcot is *the most* affected area in the matter of leprosy? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" How does that add to the glory or credit of the State? We are doing all that is necessary."

Collection of fine for sivoijama occupation of lands in Gingee taluk.

* 201 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the total amount of fine collected for sivoijama occupation of lands in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, for fasli 1362?